

student-athletes who work together to achieve great things. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work, practice, and teamwork to reach this level of success, and those qualities abound in this team.

In a basketball season like no other, this accomplishment was hard-fought, and it reflects the dedication of each and every player, the leadership of Coach Scott Drew and the team's entire coaching and support staff as well as all their families and friends.

An achievement such as this does not happen without the support of an entire community.

It is such a privilege to recognize this outstanding group for their dedication, perseverance, and ultimately success in bringing a championship home to Baylor.

As a former Bear, I could not be prouder. Sic 'em.

ROMELY CARREON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Romely Carreon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Romely Carreon is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Romely Carreon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Romely Carreon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND GENEROSITY OF MR. NICOLA BULGARI

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to celebrate and give gratitude to Mr. Nicola Bulgari, an avid connoisseur of American-made cars and gracious contributor to the LeMay—America's Car Museum in Washington's 6th Congressional District.

Mr. Bulgari was born and raised in Rome, Italy and as a young boy, became fascinated with American cars. He promised himself that when he grew up, he would own an American car. This boyhood goal grew into supporting a dream that the United States would have a national entity dedicated to the heritage that the automobile brought to American life. Through his extensive efforts and commitment to helping others who share his passion, that dream has become a reality. In 2004, Mr.

Bulgari joined the Board of Directors for the LeMay—America's Car Museum and devoted himself to the effort which led to its opening in Tacoma, Washington in 2012.

Most recently, in January 2021, Mr. Bulgari carried out the partnership between the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage and America's Automotive Trust based in Tacoma, WA. The Trust is committed to honoring the past, celebrating the present, and anticipating the future of American automotive legacy.

We are extraordinarily fortunate to have seen firsthand the generosity of Mr. Bulgari in our region. His devotion to the American automobile heritage will have a lasting impression on Washingtonians and visitors from all around the country and world. I have the great privilege of recognizing his impact here in the United States Congress.

IN CELEBRATION OF PATRICIA "PATTIE" MANSUR'S SERVICE TO KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with immense appreciation for Patricia "Pattie" Mansur's years of service to the students and community of Kansas City, Missouri as a member of the Kansas City Public School Board. Over the last several years, Pattie has demonstrated the passion, integrity, and determination that we hope the students whom she served will emulate as they become leaders in their own right.

Pattie's time on the School Board is a testament to what can be accomplished when concerned citizens engage with their community to overcome difficult issues. When Pattie enrolled her children into Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS), she recognized that its teachers and students were burdened as a consequence of dwindling revenues, inequitable opportunities, and transient leadership. Instead of simply lamenting those problems, Pattie set about building coalitions, engaging the community, and eventually, winning an at-large seat on the School Board. During her time in office, Pattie worked hard to build a strong foundation that future School Boards will expand upon for years to come. She helped recruit Dr. Mark Bedell, an administrator dedicated to equality in education, to serve as the superintendent. Dr. Bedell, along with Pattie and other Board members, secured the stability and leadership necessary for the district to implement a one-of-a-kind equity policy that has provided additional resources to chronically underfunded schools. Pattie also worked to increase the number of AP and dual-credit courses offered across KCPS high schools, ensuring that all students had the ability to earn college credit while attending high school. She engaged with private businesses to build and renovate existing fields, stadiums, and other venues so that every student has the opportunity to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities. Recognizing that we communicate our values by how we spend our dollars, Pattie fought for increased teacher pay and further investment in new technologies that have helped edu-

cators connect with the next generation of students. As the district celebrated noticeable improvements in graduation rates and college readiness, she was a champion in the fight for full accreditation from the Missouri Department of Early and Secondary Education. Inspired by their mother's advocacy and her dedication to serving Kansas City's students, one of Pattie's three beloved children is now a teacher in the KCPS system. These accomplishments not only had a positive impact on children currently enrolled in KCPS, but will also continue to generate equitable opportunities for the next generations of KCPS students.

In addition to her stellar efforts on the School Board, Pattie has further served the Kansas City community through a number of non-profit organizations. She continues to serve as the Director of Health Policy and Communications for the REACH Healthcare Foundation, which works to improve access to healthcare for uninsured and underserved communities. As Director, she's advocated for policies in both Jefferson City and Washington, D.C. that would address systemic and deeply rooted inequities in the healthcare system. Recently, her tireless work at REACH helped the organization mobilize 29 local healthcare providers in an effort to strengthen the community's fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The REACH Foundation, and by extension those the foundation serves, has benefitted immensely from Pattie's three decades of proven leadership in the non-profit sector.

Marian Wright Edelman, a renowned advocate for children and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, once elegantly noted that working in education comes with a momentous duty to improve the lives of others and leave your community better than you found it. As Pattie's time on the School Board concludes, she can rest assured that KCPS students have more opportunities, are succeeding at higher rates, and have brighter futures because of her efforts. Madam Speaker, please join me in extending heartfelt and sincere congratulations to Pattie Mansur on a successful and accomplished tenure on the Kansas City Public School Board. Furthermore, let us renew our commitment to students as we strengthen our nation by investing in equitable, inclusive, and innovative public schools.

IN MEMORY OF MARY O'MARRO

HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mary O'Marro, who passed away on Friday, March 19th at the age of 95.

Mary was born on February 22, 1926 in Albert Lea, Minnesota. After graduating from Albert Lea High School in 1943, she worked at Wilson Meats before continuing her education at Rochester Junior College. She married her husband, Eugene, in 1951 and they were blessed with a daughter and two sons.

In addition to being a wife and mother, Mary worked for Judge Harry Blackmun prior to his appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court and later as a self-employed real estate broker for more than 25 years.

Mary was dedicated to her family and dearly loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her three children and six grandchildren. My prayers are with her loved ones during this difficult time.

REANNA MENDEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Reanna Mendez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Reanna Mendez is a student at Arvada West H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Reanna Mendez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Reanna Mendez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING BENNETT J. THOMAS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bennett J. Thomas. Bennett is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bennett has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bennett has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bennett J. Thomas for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DREW Brees's RETIREMENT FROM THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Drew Brees, his legacy as a New Orleans Saint in the National Football League, and his dedication to the people of the City of

New Orleans. Drew's retirement comes after completing twenty seasons in the NFL, fifteen of which were played as the starting quarterback of my hometown team, the New Orleans Saints. In fact, he chose to retire on March 14, 2021, the fifteen-year anniversary of his signing with the Saints.

Since 2005, Drew has taken the field dressed in black and gold and sparked the greatest era yet for the Saints franchise. For the last fifteen years, Brees has led one of the most explosive offensive teams in NFL history, marching the Saints to seven NFC South titles and winning the franchise's first-ever Super Bowl in 2010. You can take a guess who the MVP was for Super Bowl XLIV.

I could go on and on about how Drew Brees is one of the best football players of all time. How he is the NFL all-time leader in career passing yards, passes completed, passes completed per game, and total offensive yards. Or that he has the most seasons with 5,000+ passing yards, has been selected for 13 Pro Bowls, or that he has showcased his accuracy by holding the all-time single season record for his passing completion percentage at 74.4 percent. These achievements are unparalleled. In addition to Drew's accomplishments on the field, I also want to recognize and honor the positive impact Drew Brees has made on New Orleans and the entire State of Louisiana.

Drew came to New Orleans during one of our darkest times. Hurricane Katrina had taken over 1,800 lives and flooded the vibrant, historic crown jewel of the South. The iconic Louisiana Superdome, home to the Saints and regularly filled with cheering fans on Sundays, was filled with many of those same people who were now evacuees, some of whom had lost everything they owned.

The Saints are more than just a football team in New Orleans. After Katrina, the Saints gave us hope. The Saints are as much a part of the soul of New Orleans as our world-famous cuisine and the jazz music and brass bands that fill the French Quarter. Drew Brees changed our New Orleans Saints forever, bringing historic success to the franchise and giving the city hope, with something to finally celebrate through the grueling struggles of rebuilding. As the Saints organization put it, Drew came to us at our lowest point, and brought us to its highest.

A known leader in the locker room, Drew is also a leader off the field. Winner of the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year award, Drew and his wife Brittany founded the Brees Dream Foundation, which has contributed more than \$45 million globally to cancer patients and families in need. In the last year, the Brees family personally committed \$5 million to Louisiana to assist with COVID-19 relief efforts.

To close, I'd like to read Brees' own inspirational words from his retirement letter, addressed openly to the city and to the famed Who Oat Nation. "From the moment I stepped foot into the city of New Orleans, I could feel your spirit. You told me that if I loved New Orleans, you would love me back. No truer words have ever been spoken. "Drew, I wholeheartedly agree, and your place in the history of the city will live forever. Jennifer and I wish you, Brittany, and your beautiful young kids all the best as you now begin the next chapter of your Hall of Fame life.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR OF NIAGARA, GEORGE BOUSLEY'S, DISTINGUISHED CAREER

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of the career and service of retiring City of Niagara Mayor, George Bousley.

Mayor Bousley has had a long and esteemed career in public service. He was first elected as the Mayor of Niagara in 1989 and held the position for 32 consecutive years. He also served 12 years on the Marinette County Board, with 8 years as the County Board Chair.

Throughout his service to Niagara and Marinette County, Mayor Bousley lead and contributed to countless projects and initiatives that will surely benefit Northeast Wisconsin for years to come. Colleagues of Mayor Bousley have praised him for his humility, dedication, open mindedness, and hard work, all of which will be missed as his tenure as Mayor of Niagara comes to an end.

Mayor Bousley has accomplished much during his time in public service, and truly personifies the generous spirit that Northeast Wisconsin is known for. From his work on the U.S. 141 project, to Niagara's Centennial Celebration, Mayor Bousley worked tirelessly for his community.

Mayor George Bousley will certainly be missed by the people of Niagara, and I commend him for his dedication to his community. Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding Mayor Bousley for his service.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF CLAIRE CULLEN EARLEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Claire Cullen Earley, a San Carlos, California resident, who died on March 28, 2021, Palm Sunday, at the age of 85.

Claire Cullen was born on May 29, 1935, in Larchmont, New York, to Colonel William Joseph Cullen and Alice Cunningham Cullen. She was raised in Larchmont and Manhattan and earned a degree in Mathematics from Rosemont College. She worked as a computer programmer at Union Carbide in New York City where she met and later married Martin Vincent Earley. In 1971 they moved to San Carlos, where she began her lifelong commitment to her community.

Claire Earley was the former President of the San Mateo County Association of Realtors, Director of the California Association of Realtors, a member of St. Charles Church in San Carlos and the San Carlos Rotary Club.

She was predeceased by her husband Martin and her parents. She leaves her four beloved sons and their wives, and 11 adored grandchildren. She will be sorely missed by each of them as well as the many people who were blessed by her loyalty and generosity. I was blessed with her friendship for almost five decades.